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In re the application of

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METHOD OF FLUID FLOW CONTROL

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated February 10, 2004. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application.

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

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